

House Resolution 82

By: Representatives Smyre of the 132nd, Hugley of the 133rd, Smith of the 131st, Buckner of the 130th, and Smith of the 129th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Captain Hayes Clayton, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has lost one of its finest and most distinguished young
3 individuals with the untimely passing of Army Captain Hayes Clayton, Jr.; and
- 4 WHEREAS, while the loss of any loved one is a terrible event, the loss of this young man is
5 especially tragic, as he died in the line of duty on Christmas Day of the year 2006, serving the
6 United States in the country of Iraq; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Hayes Clayton, Jr., was born in Memphis and moved to Georgia when he was still
8 young; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he is widely remembered in the Marietta community for his outstanding athletic
10 performance as the Blue Devils' starting defensive end for Marietta High School's 1995
11 football season; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Hayes had dreamed to one day to run for office, so upon entering Fort Valley State
13 University, he studied political science and joined the Army ROTC; and
- 14 WHEREAS, upon graduation in 2002, he began active military service, traveling initially to
15 Camp Casey in South Korea, where he met his wife, Army First Lt. Monica Clayton; and
- 16 WHEREAS, his unfortunate departure has left scars upon the hearts of grieving friends, family,
17 and fellow soldiers in Georgia and throughout the world;
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the
19 members of this body join together in honoring the memory of Captain Hayes Clayton, Jr., and
20 extending the deepest and most sincere condolences to his family and friends.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House is authorized and directed to
- 2 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Captain Hayes Clayton, Jr.